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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yoshiaki Usami et al.

Application No.: 10/004,799

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Examiner: Kalyan K. Deshpande

For: GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICE
SUPPORT METHOD FOR BUILDINGS,
SUPPORT DEVICE, SUPPORT SYSTEM,
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE
MEDIUM

RESPONSE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 17, 2006, Applicants elect
Group I, claims 1-7, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims can be
examined in this case without "serious burden." See M.P.E.P. § 803. There are only ten
claims total. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

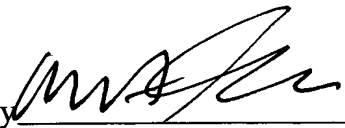
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Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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